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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Strutz et al.

Group Art Unit: 3725

Serial No.: 10/043,904

Examiner: Goetz

Filed: January 11, 2002

Atty. Dkt. No.: 10807.0096.DVUS02

For: METHODS OF OPERATING A FOOD  
WASTE DISPOSER HAVING A  
VARIABLE SPEED MOTOR

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 5, 2004 for the above-referenced application, for which the 3-month due date for response is August 5, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the one-month extension fee of \$110.00 from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/10807.0096.DVUS02.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.